

CHAPTER 155

SIGN CODE

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155.01 TITLE. This chapter shall be known as the “Indianola Sign Code,” may be cited as such and will be referred to herein as “this chapter.”

155.02 PURPOSE; SCOPE. The purpose of this chapter is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, quality of materials, construction, location, electrification and maintenance of all signs and sign structures not located within a building.

155.03 DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the meanings ascribed herein:

1. “Area sign” means a relatively large sign, whether illuminated or not, mounted on self-supporting poles away from any building, and usually meant to bring attention to an integrated business operation, such as a shopping area or subdivision, or a business, the nature of whose services offered requires that customers be notified of the service location a substantial distance away from that location, such as gasoline service stations.
2. “Awning” means any structure made of cloth type materials or metal with a metal frame attached to a building and projecting over a thoroughfare, when the same is so erected as to permit its being raised to a position flat against the building when not in use.
3. “Business” means a place where different types of trade, commerce, etc., is carried on, usually under the ownership of one person, company or partnership.
4. “Canopy” means any structure, other than an awning, made of cloth type materials or metal with metal frames attached to a building, projecting over a thoroughfare, and carried by a frame supported by the ground or sidewalk.

5. "Erect" means to build, construct, attach, hang, place, suspend, or affix, and also includes the painting of wall signs.
6. "Facing or surface" means the surface of the sign upon, against or through which the message is displayed or illustrated on the sign. The square footage of a sign, wherever the same is required to be computed for the purposes of this chapter, shall be determined by computing the square footage of the "facing" or "surface" of such sign.
7. "Free standing or ground signs" means any sign supported by uprights or braces placed into the ground and not attached to any building.
8. "Illuminated sign" means any sign which has characters, letters, figures, designs or outlines illuminated by electric lights or luminous tubes as a part of the sign proper.
9. "Incombustible material" means any material which will not ignite at or below a temperature of twelve hundred (1200) degrees Fahrenheit and will not continue to burn or glow at that temperature.
10. "Marquee" means any hood or awning of permanent construction projecting from the wall of a building above an entrance and extending over a thoroughfare.
11. "Other advertising structure" means any marquee, canopy or awning as further defined herein.
12. "Projecting sign" means any sign which is attached to a building or other structure and extends more than twelve (12) inches beyond the building.
13. "Roof sign" means any sign erected, constructed and maintained wholly upon or over the roof of any building with the principal support on the roof structure.
14. "Sign" means any and every advertising sign, identification sign, freestanding sign, ground sign, wall sign, roof sign, illuminated sign, projecting sign, temporary sign, marquee, awning and canopy and includes any announcement, declaration, demonstration, display, illustration or insignia used to advertise or promote the interests of any person when the same is placed out-of-doors in view of the general public.
15. "Structural trim" means the molding, battens, cappings, nailing strips, latticing, and platforms which are attached to the sign structure.
16. "Temporary sign" means any sign, banner, pennant, valance or advertising display constructed of cloth, canvass, light fabric, cardboard, wallboard or other light materials, with or without frames, intended to be displayed for a short period of time only.
17. "Wall sign" means any flat sign of solid face construction which is placed against a building or other structure and attached to the exterior front, rear or side wall of any building or other structure.

155.04 NONAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN SIGNS. The provisions and regulations of this chapter, except for Section 155.19 and Section 155.24, do not apply to the signs set forth in this section.

1. Nonilluminated signs denoting the architect, engineer or contractor when placed upon work under construction and not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area.
2. Nonilluminated professional nameplates not exceeding one square foot in area.
3. Nonilluminated real estate signs not exceeding nine (9) square feet in area in residential areas which advertise the sale, rental or lease of the premises upon which said signs are located only.
4. Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings and date of erection when cut into any masonry surface or when constructed of bronze or other incombustible materials.
5. Traffic or other municipal signs, private traffic directional signs, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger and such temporary emergency or non-advertising signs as may be approved by the administrative officer.
6. Garage sale signs not exceeding six (6) square feet in area and removed one week after erection or twenty-four (24) hours after completion of sale, whichever comes first.
7. Nonilluminated painted or woven business identification signs on an awning provided that such signs do not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area and twelve (12) inches in height.
8. Political signs subject to the following conditions:
 - A. Property owner's consent is given to the placement of the sign.
 - B. Signs are removed from public right-of-way within seven (7) days after the election.
 - C. Signs do not obstruct visibility of vehicular traffic.
 - D. All political signs within residential zoning districts other than highway frontage do not exceed nine (9) square feet in area.

(Ord. 1407 – Aug. 08 Supp.)

155.05 MISCELLANEOUS SIGNS. All miscellaneous signs such as overhead banners, etc. which are not specifically covered by this chapter may be permitted on an individual basis by decision of the administrative officer.

155.06 SIGNS PAINTED ON BUILDINGS. Signs painted on the exterior surface of a building or structure may be permitted on an individual basis by decision of the administrative officer, provided, however, if such signs have raised borders, letters, characters, decorations or lighting appliances, they shall be subject to the provisions of sections 155.13 and 155.25(3). All such painted signs shall also be subject to provisions of

Section 155.24 of this chapter where applicable. All such signs shall be limited to one hundred twenty (120) square feet in area and shall only apply to business operations which are conducted in the building upon which they are painted.

155.07 PERMITTED SIGNS. All signs that were erected prior to November 30, 1972, or had a sign permit existing on November 5, 1984, will be allowed to stay erected as constructed. All other signs shall be constructed in accordance with this chapter.

155.08 ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY. The administrative officer appointed by the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions of this chapter.

155.09 PERMIT REQUIRED. It is unlawful for any person to erect, repair, alter, relocate or maintain within the City any sign or other advertising structure as defined in this chapter, without first obtaining an erection permit from the Building and Zoning Department, and making payment of the fee required herein. All illuminated signs shall, in addition, be subject to the provisions of the Electrical Code of the City. Minor repairs and maintenance do not come under this chapter. Banners in the public right of way shall be permitted by City Council policy as it may be amended from time to time.

(Ord. 1248 – May 03 Supp.)

155.10 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT. Application for sign erection permits shall be made upon forms provided by the Building and Zoning Department and shall contain or have attached thereto the following information:

1. Name, address and telephone number of the applicant.
2. Location of building, structure, or lot to which or upon which the sign or other advertising structure is to be attached or erected.
3. Position of the sign or other advertising structure in relation to nearby buildings or structures.
4. If required by administrative officer, two (2) blueprints or ink drawings of the plans and specifications and method of construction and attachment to the building or in the ground.
5. Copy of stress sheets and calculations showing the structure is designed for dead load and wind pressure in any direction in the amount required by this chapter and all other laws and ordinances of the City.
6. Name of person, firm, corporation or association erecting the structure.
7. Written consent of the owner of the building, structure or land to which or on which the structure is to be erected.
8. Water Tank, Utility Poles. No signs other than those designating the owner or locality shall be erected on any water tank, utility pole or municipally owned structure. This subsection does not apply to banners in the public right of way as permitted by City Council policy as it may be amended from time to time.

(Ord. 1248 – May 03 Supp.)

9. Off-premises Signs. No signs of any sort advertising any business enterprise, product or service shall be located on property other than upon the property on which said business is located. No signs of any sort advertising any general product shall be located on property other than upon the property of a bona fide business selling such product, except yard sale signs with the consent of property owner. This subsection does not apply to banners in the public right of way as permitted by City Council policy as it may be amended from time to time.

(Ord. 1248 – May 03 Supp.)

10. Such other information as the administrative officer shall require to show full compliance with this chapter and all other laws and ordinances of the City.

155.11 APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL WIRING. The application for a permit for erection of a sign or other advertising structure in which electrical wiring and connections are to be used shall be submitted to the administrative officer. The administrative officer shall examine the plans and specifications respecting all wiring and connections to determine if the same complies with the Electrical Code of the City, and the administrative officer shall approve such permit if the said plans and specifications comply with said code, or disapprove the application if noncompliance with such code is found.

155.12 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE. Every applicant for a permit for the erection of a sign to be erected within ten (10) feet of any public way shall, before the permit is granted, have public liability insurance for such sign in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). Such insurance shall be continuously maintained as long as the sign remains.

155.13 PERMIT ISSUANCE; EXPIRATION. It is the duty of the administrative officer, upon the filing of an application for an erection permit, to examine such plans and specifications and other data and the premises upon which it is proposed to erect the sign or other advertising structure, and if all the requirements of this chapter and all other laws and ordinances of the City are complied with, the administrative officer shall then issue the erection permit. If the work authorized under an erection permit has not been completed within six (6) months after date of issuance, the said permit shall become null and void.

155.14 FEES. Every applicant for a sign permit shall pay such fee to the Clerk in the following amount:

Signs 24 square feet or less \$25.00

Signs over 24 square feet and not
more than 100 square feet \$50.00

Signs over 100 square feet \$75.00 plus \$.20 per square foot over 100
square feet.

In computing the area of a sign, only one face of a double face sign shall be taken as the area of the sign.

(Ord. 1203 – Aug. 01 Supp.)

155.15 REVOCABILITY OF PERMIT. All rights and privileges acquired under the provisions of this chapter, or any amendment thereto, are mere permits revocable by the Council, and all sign permits shall contain this provision. In the event that by action of the Council any permit is revoked, it shall be unlawful thereafter to permit such sign to continue to remain on the premises, and it is the duty of the owner, agent, or person in possession of said premises, and each of them, to remove such sign forthwith.

155.16 DATE TO BE POSTED. Every sign or other advertising structure hereafter erected shall have painted in a conspicuous place thereon, the date of erection.

155.17 RIGHT OF ENTRY. Subject to constitutional limitations and upon presentation of proper credentials, the administrative officer or any duly authorized representatives may enter at reasonable times any building, structure or premises in the City to perform any duty imposed upon the administrative officer by this chapter.

155.18 INSPECTION. All signs for which a permit is required by this chapter or any ordinance of the City shall be subject to inspection by the administrative officer. Footing inspections will be required for all ground signs. Electric signs shall be inspected before erection.

155.19 UNSAFE OR UNLAWFUL SIGNS. If the administrative officer finds that any sign or other advertising structure regulated herein is unsafe or insecure, or is a menace to the public, or has been constructed or erected or is being maintained in violation of the provisions of this chapter, the administrative officer shall give written notice to the permittee thereof. If the permittee fails to remove or alter the structure so as to comply with the standards herein set forth within ten (10) days after such notice, such sign or other advertising structure may be removed or altered to comply, by the administrative officer at the expense of the permittee or owner of the property upon which it is located. The administrative officer shall recommend to the City Manager the revocation of the permit covering such sign or other structure regulated herein, and thereupon said permit may be revoked by order of the Council. The administrative officer may cause any sign or other advertising structure which is an immediate peril to persons or property to be removed summarily and without notice. Existing signs shall comply with the provisions of this section.

155.20 NONCONFORMING SIGNS. Every sign or other advertising structure lawfully in existence on November 5, 1984, but which is prohibited by the terms and conditions of this chapter, shall not be altered or moved unless it be made to comply with the provisions of this chapter.

155.21 REMOVAL OF IRRELEVANT SIGNS. Any sign now or hereafter existing which no longer advertises a bona fide business conducted, or a product sold, shall be taken down and removed by the owner, agent or person having the use of the building or structure upon which such sign may be found, within ten (10) days after written notification from the administrative officer, and upon failure to comply with such notice within the time specified in such order, the administrative officer is hereby authorized to cause removal of such sign,

and any expense incident thereto shall be paid by the owner of the building or structure to which such sign is attached.

155.22 EXEMPTION; APPLICATION TO COUNCIL. Whenever, because of unusual circumstances, there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the Council may grant a specific exemption for individual situations, provided the Council shall first find that a special and unusual, individual circumstance makes the strict application of this chapter impractical and that the exemption granted with appropriate safeguards is in conformity with the intent and purpose of this chapter. Any person requesting an exemption from the strict application of this chapter may make application to the Council for the granting of such application, provided that:

1. A written application for such an exemption is submitted indicating the section of this chapter from which the applicant requests the exemption and stating the grounds on which it is requested. The application shall be filed with the Clerk and shall be accompanied by a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00).
2. No such exemption shall be granted by the Council without a public hearing. Notice thereof shall be given at least four (4) days but no more than twenty (20) days in advance of the hearing by a single publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.
3. The Council may grant the exemption with such safeguards as it feels are necessary in order to conform with the intents and purposes of this chapter provided that the Council finds that granting of the exemption will not adversely affect the public interest.

155.23 APPEAL PROCEDURE. If an applicant is aggrieved by a decision of the administrative officer which involves the interpretation or administration of this chapter said applicant may appeal the decision to the Council, as follows:

1. A written application stating the decision appealed from, the date of the decision and the reason that the applicant feels that the administrative officer was in error shall be filed with the Clerk. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00).
2. No such appeal shall be granted by the Council without a public hearing. Notice thereof shall be given at least four (4) days, but no more than twenty (20) days in advance of the hearing by a single publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.
3. On the filing of an appeal, the administrative officer shall immediately transfer all papers constituting the record to the office of the Clerk for submission to the Council. An aggrieved applicant shall have sixty (60) days within which to appeal the decision of the administrative officer.

155.24 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

1. Generally. No sign shall be erected, relocated or maintained so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape. No sign of any kind shall be attached to a standpipe or fire escape.

2. Interference with Traffic. No sign or other advertising structure as regulated by this chapter shall be erected at the intersection of any street or alley in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision, or at any location, where, by reason of the position, shape or color, it may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with any authorized traffic sign, signal or device or which makes use of the words *STOP*, *LOOK*, *DRIVE-IN*, *DANGER* or any other word, phrase, symbol or character in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic.

3. Flashing Lights. It is unlawful for any person to operate any sign which is wholly or partially illuminated by flashing or intermittent lights between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and dawn of the next day.

4. Revolving Beacons. It is unlawful for any person to erect or maintain any revolving beacon.

5. Obscene Matter. It is unlawful for any person to display upon any sign or other advertising structure any obscene, indecent or immoral matter.

6. Roof Signs. It is unlawful for any person to erect, relocate or alter within the City any roof sign, except within C-2 (Highway Commercial) and in compliance with the requirements of Section 155.31(6)(D).

(Ord. 1420 – May 09 Supp.)

7. Projecting Signs. It is unlawful for any person to erect, alter, relocate or maintain in the City any projecting sign except as allowed by Section 155.31(7)(D), provided the proposed location of the sign is within blocks 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18 of the Original Town Plat.

(Ord. 1407 – Aug. 08 Supp.)

8. Water Tank, Utility Poles. No signs other than those designating the owner or locality shall be erected on any water tank, utility pole or municipally owned structure.

9. Off-premise Signs. No signs of any sort advertising any business, enterprise, product or service shall be located on property other than upon the property on which said business is located. No signs of any sort advertising any general product shall be located on property other than upon the property of a bona fide business selling such product, except yard sale signs with the consent of the property owner and electronic video signs. However, the Director of Community Development may approve temporary off-premise signs that are non-commercial and have a civic or community orientation and message.

(Ord. 1399 – Feb. 08 Supp.)

155.25 CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS GENERALLY.

1. Maintenance. All signs, together with all of their supports, braces, guys and anchors shall be kept in repair and in proper state of preservation. The display surfaces of all signs shall be kept neatly painted or posted at all times.

2. **Strength of Signs.** All signs and other advertising structures shall be designed and constructed to withstand a wind load and dead load as required in the Building Code or other ordinances of the City.
3. **Reflectors, Lights, Glare.** Gooseneck reflectors and lights are permitted on ground signs and walls signs. However, any lights shall be installed only in such manner that the direct rays of such lights are concentrated on the sign and prevented from causing a glare on, or striking, the street or nearby property; or the reflectors shall be provided with proper glass lenses concentrating the illumination upon the area of the sign so as to prevent glare upon the street or nearby property.

155.26 GROUND SIGNS.

1. **Fastening Characters.** All letters, figures, characters or representations in cutout or irregular form, maintained in conjunction with, attached to, or superimposed upon any ground sign shall be safely and securely built or attached to the sign structure.
2. **Maximum Surface Area.** The size for all ground signs shall conform with the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 165).
3. **Height and Property Line Limitation.** It is unlawful to erect any ground sign whose total height is greater than twenty-five (25) feet above the level of the street upon which the sign faces, or above the adjoining ground level, if such ground level is above the street level. No portion of any sign shall extend beyond the property line.
4. **Location of Ground Sign.** Unless otherwise stated, no ground sign shall be nearer than twenty (20) feet to any other sign or nearer than two (2) feet to any building or structure. Each business shall be allowed only one ground sign per structure, housing said business.
5. **Setback Line.** The setback line of any ground sign shall be in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance.
6. **Maintenance of Grounds.** All ground signs and the premises surrounding the same shall be maintained by the owner thereof in a clean, sanitary, and inoffensive condition, and free and clear of all obnoxious substances, rubbish and weeds.

155.26.5 ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARDS. The intent of this section is to allow electronic video message boards or screens as an accessory sign to retail and service establishments. Such signs shall provide community or civic service announcements and general community information. Off premise advertising not to exceed 80% of the total amount of messaging is permitted.

1. **Materials.** All electronic or video signs for which a permit is required under this chapter shall have a surface or facing of noncorrosive material. Every electronic sign, including frames, braces and supports thereof, shall be approved by the administrative officer as in compliance of Building and Electrical Codes.
2. **Location.** Electronic video message boards shall be placed, tilted or screened as not to interfere with vehicle traffic. Wall mount message boards are prohibited. No sign shall be placed in a required front yard.

3. Maximum Surface Area. The size of the signs shall conform to Section 155.31 for each specific zoning classification.
 4. Maximum Number. The maximum number of electronic video signs, for which a permit is required, placed on a premises shall not exceed 10.
 5. Minimum Height. Any electronic or video sign must be a minimum of 8 feet above grade when placed in areas subject to pedestrian traffic.
- (Ord. 1399 – Feb. 08 Supp.)*

155.27 WALL SIGNS.

1. Materials; Design; Approval. All wall signs for which a permit is required under this chapter shall have a surface or facing of noncorrosive material. Every wall sign, including the frames, braces and supports thereof, shall be approved by the administrative officer as in compliance with the Building and Electrical Codes of the City.
2. Location; Placement. No wall sign shall cover wholly or partially any wall opening, or project beyond the ends or top of the wall to which it is attached.
3. Maximum Surface Area. The size of wall signs shall conform with the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 165). In applying this section, a wall sign shall be that portion of a given wall of which the interior side thereof is occupied by a particular business. In determining whether or not the maximum area of wall signs has been exceeded, the total area of all wall signs displayed on a given wall shall be included.
4. Minimum Height. No wall sign thicker than three (3) inches shall be attached to a wall at a height of less than eight (8) feet above the sidewalk or ground.
5. Extension From Wall. The front facing of a wall sign shall not be permitted to extend more than twelve (12) inches beyond the surface of the building to which it is attached. No wall sign shall overhang the public right-of-way beyond the twelve (12) inches provided in the previous sentence.
6. Obstructing Openings. No wall sign shall be erected, relocated or maintained so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape.
7. Painted or Individual Letters. To compute the square footage of a painted or individually lettered wall sign, imaginary lines shall be established that are equal distance from each other and encompass the first, last and tallest letters of each word.

155.28 TEMPORARY SIGNS.

1. Permit Required; Duration. Permits for temporary signs, when required, shall authorize the erection of such signs and their maintenance for a period not exceeding ten (10) days, two times per calendar year. Two consecutive ten day periods are permissible. Also, permits for temporary signs may be issued for the erection of such signs and their maintenance for two additional three-day periods per calendar year separated by at least one day. Any other section of this chapter notwithstanding, no permit shall be required for a sign which is of a civic, political or religious nature providing they are removed immediately after the event in which the organization is notifying the public.
- (Ord. 1241 – Feb. 03 Supp.)*

2. Contents Permitted; Exception. The advertisement contained on any temporary sign shall pertain only to the business, industry or pursuit conducted on or within the premises on which such sign is erected or maintained. This provision shall not apply to signs of civil, political or religious nature.
3. Area; Materials. No temporary sign of combustible material shall in more than one of its dimensions exceed four (4) feet or one hundred (100) square feet in area, and such signs in excess of sixty (60) square feet shall be made of rigid materials, that is, of wallboard or other light materials with frames.
4. Projection. No temporary wall sign shall extend over or into any street, alley, sidewalk or other public thoroughfare a distance greater than three (3) inches from the wall upon which it is erected.
5. Obstructing Openings. No temporary sign shall be erected so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape, nor shall such sign be attached to any standpipe or fire escape, nor shall such sign be placed over any wall opening.
6. Attachment. Every temporary sign shall be attached to the wall or the ground with wire, steel cables or other materials acceptable to the administrative officer; and no strings, ropes or wood slats for anchorage or support purposes shall be permitted.
7. Fees. Every applicant for a temporary sign permit shall pay a fee to the Clerk as follows: \$25.00 for the first 10 day period; \$5.00 for the second 10 day period; and \$25.00 for each 3 day period.

(Ord. 1241 – Feb. 03 Supp.)

155.29 AWNINGS.

1. Permit and Fee Required. Permits and fees for awnings shall be required as provided in the Uniform Building Code. No sign fee will be required.
2. Advertising Permitted. No advertising shall be placed on any awnings, except that the name of the owner and the business, industry or pursuit conducted within the premises may be painted or otherwise permanently placed in a space not exceeding twelve (12) inches in height or twelve (12) square feet in area on the front and side portions thereof.
3. Required Materials. Awnings may be constructed of fire resistant cloth type materials or metal. All awning frames and supports shall be of metal or wood.
4. Minimum Height. All awnings shall be constructed and erected so that the lowest portion thereof shall be not less than eight (8) feet above the level of the sidewalk or public thoroughfare.
5. Projection. No awning shall be permitted to extend beyond a point twelve (12) inches inside the curb line.
6. Attachment. Every awning shall be securely attached to and supported by the building. Posts or columns beyond the building line are not permitted for awnings.
7. Compliance with Building Code. Awnings and structures authorized under this section shall meet all the specifications of the Building Code of the City.

155.30 MARQUEES AND CANOPIES.

1. Permit and Fee Required. Permits and fees for marquees and canopies shall be required as provided in the Uniform Building Code.
2. Permit Revocation. The permit required by the Uniform Building Code shall allow the City the right to revoke such permit and to cause the removal of the structure authorized thereunder, and at the expense of the owner thereof, at any time the Council may by ordinance or otherwise direct the removal thereof in the interest of public safety and welfare, or may cause the removal of all other marquees or canopies from the street and within the block in which such marquees or canopies may be located. It is hereby expressly provided that any permit which fails to contain the reservation of the right to revocation required by this section shall be without effect.
3. Public Liability Insurance Required. Any person having control of any marquee, canopy or fixed awning shall file with the administrative officer a certificate of insurance certifying that such applicant has public liability insurance for such marquee or canopy in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) which shall be in lieu of insurance provisions of Section 155.12. Such insurance shall be continuously maintained as long as the marquee, canopy or fixed awning remains.
4. Compliance with Building Code. Marquees and canopies under this section shall meet all the specifications of the Building Code of the City.
5. Signs on Marquees and Canopies. Signs on marquees and canopies are allowed. All such signs shall conform to all the applicable provisions of this chapter.
6. Removal Right. Nothing contained herein in this section, nor the payment of any fees herein required, shall abridge or be construed as denying the City the right to cause removal of the marquee or fixed awning as provided in subsection 2 of this section.
7. Minimum Height. All marquees and canopies shall be constructed and erected so that the lowest portion thereof shall be not less than eight (8) feet above the level of the sidewalk or public thoroughfare.
8. Projection. No marquee or canopy shall be permitted to extend beyond a point twelve (12) inches inside the curb line.

155.31 SIGNS PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED GENERALLY IN SPECIFIC ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS. The following signs are permitted within the designated zoning classifications and only if they are erected in compliance with and not in violation with any other part of this chapter or any other ordinance of the City. All other signs are hereby expressly prohibited.

1. A-1 — Agricultural. Signs permitted are:
 - A. Nameplates attached flat against the wall of the main building not to exceed one square foot in area.
 - B. Church or civic identification signs not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in area.
(Ord. 1407 – Aug. 08 Supp.)

- C. Temporary signs advertising the lease or sale of the premises not to exceed nine (9) square feet in area.
- 2. R-1 — Single-family Residential. Signs permitted are:
 - A. Nameplates attached flat against the wall of the main building not to exceed one square foot in area.
 - B. Church or civic identification signs not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in area.
(Ord. 1407 – Aug. 08 Supp.)
 - C. Temporary signs advertising the lease or sale of the premises not to exceed nine (9) square feet in area.
 - D. Illumination of signs, bulletin boards and nameplates shall not exceed one hundred (100) watts and shall be lighted only with indirect, nonintermittent lighting.
 - E. Ground signs shall be at least twenty (20) feet from the front lot line or not more than five (5) feet in front of the main building.
- 3. R-2 — Single and two-family Residential. Signs permitted are:
 - A. Nameplates attached flat against the wall of the main building not to exceed three (3) square feet in area.
 - B. Church or civic identification signs not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in area.
(Ord. 1407 – Aug. 08 Supp.)
 - C. Temporary signs advertising the lease or sale of the premises not to exceed nine (9) feet in area.
 - D. Illumination of signs, bulletin boards and nameplates shall not exceed one hundred (100) watts and shall be lighted only with indirect, nonintermittent lighting.
 - E. Ground signs shall be at least twenty (20) feet from the front line or not more than five (5) feet in front of the main building.
- 4. R-3, R-4, R-5 and R-6 — Mixed Residential, Multiple-family, Planned, and Mobile Home Residential. Signs permitted are:
 - A. Nameplates attached flat against the wall of the main building not to exceed three (3) square feet in area.
 - B. Church, civic or private nonprofit identification signs not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet in area.
(Ord. 1241 – Feb. 03 Supp.)
 - C. Temporary signs advertising the lease or sale of the premises not to exceed nine (9) square feet in area.
 - D. Illumination of signs, bulletin boards and nameplates shall not exceed one hundred (100) watts and shall be lighted only with indirect, nonintermittent lighting.

E. Ground or freestanding signs shall be at least twenty (20) feet from the front lot line or not more than five (5) feet in front of the main building. Such signs shall be permitted, however, only for the purposes of advertising an apartment complex, which sign shall be limited to twenty (20) square feet in area. For purposes of this section, and for these purposes only, there must be at least four (4) separate apartments for an apartment complex to exist.

5. *(Deleted by Ord. 1252 – Aug. 03 Supp.)*

6. C-2 and C-4 — Highway Commercial and Planned Commercial. Signs permitted are:

A. All signs, unless otherwise prohibited, provided that they:

- (1) Do not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height.
- (2) Are not within twenty-five (25) feet of an “A” or “R” district.
- (3) Are not within twenty-five (25) feet of another sign, except electronic video signs.
- (4) Do not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area, or cover more than fifteen percent (15%) of the building face it covers.
- (5) No electronic video signs are permitted in a required front or side yard.

B. Temporary signs advertising the sale or lease of the premises, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area.

C. All ground signs that are between the height of two (2) feet and ten (10) feet shall be erected no closer than twenty (20) feet from the front property line. The height shall be measured from the center of the street or the ground immediately under the sign, whichever is lower in elevation. All ground signs shall have a maximum area of 100 square feet per side, except for electronic video signs which shall not exceed 3 square feet.

(Ord. 1399 – Feb. 08 Supp.)

D. Prior to erection, relocation or alteration of any roof sign, the Council shall hold a public hearing. Notice thereof shall be at least four (4) days, but no more than twenty (20) days in advance of the hearing by a single publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City. The following restrictions shall apply:

- (1) Roof signs are permitted within C-2 (Highway Commercial) zoning only.
- (2) No ground and/or pole sign shall be allowed in conjunction with a roof sign.
- (3) The maximum area of any roof sign shall not exceed 48 square feet.

(4) No portion of the entire roof sign shall extend more than six (6) feet above the highest portion of the roof and not more than twenty-five (25) feet above the ground.

(5) Roof signs shall be allowed only on single story structures.

(6) Specific engineering for compliance with building code requirements shall be submitted.

(7) All roof signs must be designed and installed by an approved sign company. Construction details and architectural renderings for Council consideration must be submitted.

(Ord. 1420 – May 09 Supp.)

7. C-3 — General Retail and Office. Signs permitted are:

A. All signs, unless otherwise prohibited, provided that they:

(1) Do not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height.

(2) Do not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area, or cover more than ten percent (10%) of the building face.

B. Temporary signs advertising the sale or lease of the premises, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area.

C. All ground signs that are between the height of two (2) feet and ten (10) feet shall be erected no closer than twenty (20) feet from the front property line. The height shall be measured from the center of the street or the ground immediately under the sign, whichever is lower in elevation.

D. All projection signs must be approved by the City Council prior to installation. A written application for approval must be submitted with the following information: completed sign permit application; plan and profile of the size and location of the sign on the building; text or message of the sign; electrical illumination, if any; era of sign design; and proof of public liability insurance. No approval shall be granted by the City Council without a public hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least 4 days but not more than 20 days in advance of the hearing by a single publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City. All wall and projection signs have the following requirements:

(1) Wall signs shall not exceed 15% of the building face.

(2) Projection signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet.

(3) Every projection sign, including the frames, braces and supports therefor must be set at right angles to the building front and shall be securely built and designed and may require approval from a structural engineer or registered architect as requested by the Community Development Director.

(4) Projection signs must clear sidewalks by at least ten (10) feet and may project no more than six (6) feet from the building.

(5) Projection signs shall not extend above a point sixteen (16) feet above ground or above the roof line.

(6) All sign illumination shall be interior or neon tubing only and shall conform to the City's electrical code.

(Ord. 1407 – Aug. 08 Supp.)

8. M-1 — Limited Industrial. Signs permitted are:

A. Signs advertising the sale or lease of the premises, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area.

B. Signs for the business which are located on the site provided that:

(1) Freestanding signs shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area or twenty-five (25) feet in height.

(2) Signs mounted flush on the wall of a building shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area of the wall of the building on which they are located or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is smaller.

(3) Not more than one sign of each category above may be provided for any single use, although each sign may be a double-faced or back-to-back sign.

C. All ground signs that are between the height of two (2) feet and ten (10) feet shall be erected no closer than twenty (20) feet from the front property line. The height shall be measured from the center of the street or the ground immediately under the sign, whichever is lower in elevation.

9. M-2 — General Industry. Signs permitted are:

A. Signs advertising the sale or lease of the premises, not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet in area.

B. Signs for the business which are located on the site provided that:

(1) Freestanding signs shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet in area or twenty-five (25) feet in height.

(2) Signs mounted flush on the wall of a building shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area of the wall of the building on which they are located or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is smaller.

(3) Not more than one sign of each category above may be provided for any single use, though each sign may be a double-faced or back-to-back sign.

C. All ground signs that are between the height of two (2) feet and ten (10) feet shall be erected no closer than twenty (20) feet from the front property line. The height shall be measured from the center of the street or the ground immediately under the sign, whichever is lower in elevation.